

REMARKS

Claims 1-36, 38-39 and 42-44 have been examined. The Examiner has rejected claims 26, 42 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-25, 28-36, 38, 39 and 44 are allowed and claim 27 contains allowable subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 26, 42 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,155,664 to Cook and U.S. Patent No. 6,044,694 to Anderson. However, without conceding to the substance of the Examiner's rejection, Applicant hereby cancels claims 26, 42 and 43, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection of such claims is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

As stated above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-25, 28-36, 38, 39 and 44 are allowed and claim 27 contains allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, Applicant has rewritten claim 27 into independent form. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance.

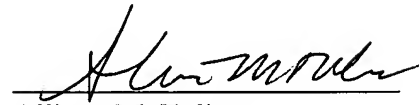
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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